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In Re: Ross W. Callon et al.
Case: IBM-0002
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Subject: System and Method for Facilitating Recovery from
Communication Link Failures in a Digital Data Network

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Dear Sir:

Response D**In the claims:**

All of the claims standing for examination are presented below with
amendment status shown.

1. (Previously canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A method of recovering from failures on a network
having a plurality of nodes coupled by links over which data packets can be
transferred between the nodes, each of a plurality of nodes storing information
that associates links out of the node with destination nodes to which data packets
can be transferred such that the node can forward data out of the node over a link